GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Commercial Taxes Department – Allegation of Corruption against Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE–II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.593 Dated:27.09.2021
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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and the list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa is directed to submit Written statement of defence within seven days of the receipt of this Order a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-II, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool District presently working as Commercial Tax Officer, (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa Division, Kadapa (w.e, Annexures-I to IV) through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government)

Copy to

The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Pandit Nehru Bus Station, NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Kadapa.

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE —I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHERGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. RAMESH KUMAR REDDY, AGE 57 YEARS, S/O SRI T. TIPPA REDDY, WORKED AS COMMERCIAL TAX OFFICER-III, KURNOOL CIRCLE, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

That Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, age 57 years, s/o Sri T. Tippa Reddy worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district (Herein after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between from 16.02.2014 to 20.08.2015 committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Charge:- That the Government Servant in abuse of his official position demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.20,000/- from Sri N. Satyanarayana of Kurnool Town who is brother-in-law of the complainant Sri Chandra Umapathi on 16.08.2015 as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive or reward for showing the official favour "for releasing lorry bearing No MH-17 AG-7848 loaded with 20 pieces of granite slabs without way bill along with permitted Kadapa slabs stones".

Thus the Government Servant Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, age 57 years, S/o Sri T.Tippa Reddy worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and brought down the image of the Government and there by violated/ contravened Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. RAMESH KUMAR REDDY, AGE 57 YEARS, S/O SRI T.TIPPA REDDY, WORKED AS COMMERCIAL TAX OFFICER-III, KURNOOL CIRCLE, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, age 57 years, s/o Sri T.Tippa Reddy, worked as Commercial Tax Officer, Kurnool, Kurnool district joined in Co-Operative Department as Co-Operative Sub-Registrar and worked in the office of Dist. Co-Operative Office, Hyderabad from 25.07.1996 to 04.12.1997. Later he worked as co-operative sub-registrar, at Chittoor from 07.12.1998 to 03.08.2000. Thereafter he got selected as Asst. Commercial Tax Officer in Commercial Tax Department and posted Kodikonda Check Post, at Ananthapur and worked from 04.08.2000 to 11.08.2002. Later he worked as ACTO at Anantapur from 11.10.2002 to 08.02.2006. Thereafter he got promotion as Deputy Commercial Tax Officer and worked at Anantapur from 08.02.2006 to 21.08.2009. Later he worked as DCTO at Guntakal, Anantapur respectively from 22.08.2009 to 15.02.2014. Thereafter he worked as Commercial Tax Officer (I/c) Circle-III, Kurnool Division from 16.02.2014 to 20.08.2015 in Kurnool district at the time of allegations against him. At present he is working as Commercial Tax Officer (Intelligence), O/o Deputy Commissioner (C.T), Kadapa Division, Kadapa from 26.08.2015 to till date. The date of birth of the Government Servant is 25.10.1964. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.10.2024. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant in abuse of his official position demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 20,000/- from Sri N. Satyanarayana of Kurnool Town who is brother-in-law of the complainant Sri Chandra Umapathi on 16.08.2015 as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive or reward for showing the official favour "for releasing lorry bearing No MH-17 AG-7848 loaded with 20 pieces of granite slabs without way bill along with permitted Kadapa slabs stones".

FACTS AND EVIDENCES:

(a) FIR DETAILS

The brief facts of the case are that the Complainant Sri Ch. Umapathi is a resident of Tadipatri, Anantapuramu district and he is attending to slab stones (Naparallu) business since 25 years under the name and style of Chowdeswari Devi Stone Polishing Industry, Tadipatri. In connection with the said business he is selling and transporting 3 to 4 loads of stones to Maharashtra State. As the matter stood thus on 15.08.2015 he shipped a lorry load of polished stones in the vehicle bearing Registration No.MH17 AG 7848 from Tadipatri to Sirigonda of Maharastra State. While the lorry was carrying the polished stones the lorry was stopped by Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy (Government Servant here in), in the capacity of CTO-III, Kurnool near Kurnool and inspected the lorry and after inspection, took the relevant papers with him and informed the driver of the lorry to contact Sri Umapathi and the driver informed Sri Umapathi to contact the Government Servant. Consequently Sri Umapahti contacted the Government Servant and enquired about the matter who informed that the documents pertaining to the transport of polished stones are in order but there are 20 pieces of stones extra which do not have bills and he should come to the office and meet him. On that Sri Umapathi informed that no bill will be raised for 20 slab pieces and he was sending the 20 pieces to the party in connection with the construction of his house. But the Government Servant did not hear his words and directed him to meet him on 16.08.2015 without fail. As he was busy with his business and could not come to Kurnool he informed his brother in law Satyanarayana who is residing in Kurnool to meet the Government Servant and talk to the Government Servant on that Satyanarayana met the Government Servant on 16.08.2015 afternoon at his office who informed that there are 20

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granite stones extra in the lorry without bill and demanded to pay bribe amount of Rs. 40,000/- and without paying the bribe amount he would not return the lorry permit and lorry will not move forward. Then Satyanarayana informed Umapathi about the demand of Rs. 40,000/- by the Government Servant for which Umapathi informed to talk to the Government Servant once again and settle the issue. Then Satyanarayana again met the Government Servant talked to him on that the Government Servant accepted to receive an amount of Rs. 20,000/- for which Satyanarayana accepted and he informed the same to Umapathi. On that Umapathi informed Satyanarayana to pay the bribe amount of Rs. 20,000/- to the Government Servant by noting down the serial numbers of the currency notes and that Satyanarayana noted down the serial numbers of Rs.1,000/- currency notes 20 in number and paid the bribe amount to the Government Servant. Thereafter the Government Servant released the lorry by returning permit documents and the same was informed to Sri Umapathi by Satyanarayana.

Thereafter an e-mail was forwarded by Chanda Umapathi of Tadipatri of Anantapur district to the D.G, Anti-Corruption Bureau an enquiry was ordered to DSP, CIU, Hyderabad vide Rc.No. 14/RE-CIU/2015 which was later transferred to the DSP, ACB, Kurnool. After due enquiry regular enquiry report was forwarded to the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada recommending criminal action against accused officer.

Basing on the enquiry report, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P, Vijayawada has instructed the Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool Range to register a case against the Government Servant and investigate. In turn the Dy. Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool has authorized the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool to register a case and investigate. Consequently, Sri M. Nagabhushanam, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool registered case in Cr.No.18/RCO-KUR/2017 against the Government Servant u/s 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act on 18.12.2017, forwarded the original FIR to the Hon'ble Spl.ACB Court, Kurnool and tookup the investigation.

(b) INVESTIGATION DETAILS:-

During the course of investigation, the statements of the Complainant Sri Ch.Umapathi and Sri N. Satyanarayan were recorded and they are being corroborated with the facts and circumstances of the case as mentioned in the FIR. They also appeared before the magistrate and gave their statement which was recorded u/s 164 Cr.PC. In the said statement they clearly informed that on the demand made by the Government Servant they paid Rs. 20,000/- as bribe for releasing the lorry.

The statement of Sri A. Shankar Jaigudi discloses that he is a resident of Sonai Village, Rahuri Taluq, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra and he is a lorry driver and he would be transporting stones from Tadipatri to Maharashtra and that during the course of his transport on 15.08.2015 he lifted slab stones from Chowdeswari Stones Polishing in his lorry bearing No.MH 17 AG 7848 and proceeded towards Sirigonda of Maharashtra and when he reached near to Kurnool the Government Servant stopped the lorry, verified the load in the lorry obtained all the papers pertaining to the lorry and informed the witness to ask the owner of the load in the lorry to contact him to his cell phone bearing No.9949992712 and went away and thereafter he contacted Umapathi and informed the matter and on the next day the brother-in-law of Umapathi Sri Satyanarayana talked to the Government Servant and got the lorry released on the same day i.e. on 16.08.2015. The witness met with an accident later and his leg was injured and due to which he is not attending lorry driver work and the witness was examined through phone from the phone of Umapathi who spoke in Hindi which was translated into vernacular Telugu.

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The statement of Sri J.Tata Rao, Joint Commissioner, State Tax, Kurnool discloses that accused officer worked as CTO-III, Kurnool from 16.02.2015 to 19.08.2015 and while working as CTO Intelligence, ACB officials, Kadapa has trapped the Government Servant and that the CTO will attend the duties independently and he would be officer for one circle and would look after the collection of tax in time, filing of returns and act in accordance with APVAT Act, 2005 and CST, 1956 and he is expected to check the vehicles to curb leakages in payment of taxes and he could also look into the collection of taxes from the concerned, collect the Tax and remit into the Government accounts and that the Government Servant while working in Kurnool from 15.08.2015 to 17.08.2015 did not submit any tour diaries and that generally the CTOs has to furnish fortnight reports for every 15 days and that the Government Servant in the evening hours on 15.08.2015 during vehicle check, Sri T. Chandrasekhar Reddy ACTO Intelligence, Sri C.Z. Kamalakar, Sr. Asst, Sri C. Upendra Reddy, Jr. Asst has to work with the Government Servant as per the office order while conducting vehicle check and they did not accompany the Government Servant on that day for vehicle check and that he came to know about the incident that took place on 15.08.2015 & 16.08.2015 during enquiry by the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials and that he has also perused the way bill pertaining to Sri Chowdeswari Stone Polishing Industry, Tadipatri and found the seal of CTO-III, Kurnool and his signature.

The statement of Sri N. Venkata Krishna Reddy, CTO-III, Kurnool is being corroborated with the statement of Sri J. Tata Rao on all material aspects.

The statement of Sri T. Chandrasekhar Reddy disclose that he worked as subordinate officer to the Government Servant from 16.02.2014 to 19.08.2015 and that generally as per the office order during vehicle check he has to accompany the CTO-III along with Sr. Asst., Jr. Asst., and that the CTO can also take others while conducting vehicle checks and that on 15.08.2015 he did not accompany the Government Servant while conducting the vehicle check.

The statement of Sri C.Z. Kamalakar, Sr. Assistant is being corroborated with the statement of Sri T. Chandrasekhar Reddy on all material aspects.

The statement of Sri Ch. Srinivasulu, Car driver discloses that his vehicle bearing Registration No. AP 21 W 4137 was hired by the Government Servant and in the beginning an amount of Rs.25,000/- was paid towards hire charges and since prior to 3 months Rs.35,000/- is being paid and during 2014-15 the Government Servant worked as CTO-III, he used to assist the Government Servant during vehicle check as per the directions and that on 15.08.2015 he accompanied the Government Servant in connection with the vehicles check and he do not remember the details of vehicle check that took place on 15.08.2015 and that as per the log book on 15.08.2015 he went round 23 kms around Kurnool and that CTO will generally assisted by his staff and at times the Government Servant alone will check the vehicles and he do not remember whether on 15.8.2015 the staff assisted with the Government Servant or not in connection with the vehicle check.

The statement of Sri Mahaboob Basha, Dy.Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool discloses that on 16.08.2015 being Sunday he was busy with his personal works and could not observe the mobile with respect to any SMS and that the mobile piece was of old model and very often it was being used to get dumb and go for repairs due to which he could not see the mobile message on 16.08.2015.

During the course of investigation admitted signatures of the Government Servant were obtained from the superior officer of the Government Servant and the admitted signatures and the questioned signature i.e. the signature of the Government Servant on the way bill No.371508148852151 were forwarded to the APFSL and the report discloses that the admitted signature and the signature on the way bill tallied with one another.

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The documentary evidence i.e. copy of e-mail petition of Ch. Umapathi, Paper containing 20 currency notes numbers, way bill No.371508148852151, dt.14.08.2015 issued by Sri Chowdeswari Stone Polishing Industries, partner containing original signature of the Government Servant with seal on the reverse, cash/credit bill in duplicate dt.14.08.2015 issued by Sri Chowdeswari Stone Polishing Industries, job chart of the Government Servant, report of FSL, dt.31.03.2018 and copies of text messages sent to Dy.Superintendent of Police, CIU, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad and Dy.Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Kurnool and 164 Cr.PC statements of Sri Ch.Umapathi and his brother in law Sri Satyanarayan, 161 statements of official witnesses all disclose the fact that the Government Servant was in a position to conduct vehicle check and as such on 15.08.2015 he conducted vehicle check as part of his legitimate duties and while conducting the vehicular check loaded with Kadapa slabs in lorry bearing No.MH-17 AG-7848 found 20 pieces of granite slabs along with permitted Kadapa slabs and for 20 pieces of granite slabs there was no bill on that the Government Servant demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs. 20,000/- from the complainant through his brother in law on 16.08.2015 and released the lorry.

Attested copies of the FIR, Remand Report, 161 & 164 statements of the complainants in Cr.No.3/RCT-ATP/2013 & Cr.No.10/RCT-KDP/2017 were collected and it reveals that the Government Servant is habitually accepting gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive or reward as mentioned in Sec. 7 of P.C. Act, 1988 and consequently the Government Servant committed offence punishable u/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of P.C. Act, 1988 also.

The said acts of the Government Servant i.e. Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district constitute the offences punishable Under Section 7,13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Thus the Government Servant- Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district, by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devoted to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the image of the Government and thereby violated/contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus the Government servant- Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district rendered himself for regular departmental enquiry for major penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMETNS IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. RAMESH KUMAR REDDY, AGE 57 YEARS, S/O SRI T.TIPPA REDDY, WORKED AS COMMERCIAL TAX OFFICER-III, KURNOOL CIRCLE, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

The following are the documentary evidences available on record to substantiate the allegations against Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, age 57 years, S/o Sri T. Tippa Reddy worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district.

1) Final Report U/s 173 Cr.P.C, Dt. 28.05.2021, filed in Hon'ble ACB court, Kurnool along with Photostat copy of Memo vide Rc.No.198/RCO-KUR/2017, dt. 30.04.2021 of the DG, ACB Vijayawada by instructing the IO to file the petition in the Spl. Court for the closure of FIR and Photostat copy of Memo No.976, Dt.25.09.2019 of Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of AP, Revenue Vigilance-II Dept to drop further action against Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, CTO (Intelligence), O/o Deputy commissioner, Kadapa Division, Kadapa).
2) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement Sri Chanda Umapthi, age 38 yrs S/o C. Venkanna, caste by Togataveera Kshatriaya, R/o D.No.3/704-3-3, 6th Road, Krishnapuram, Yellanur Road, Tadipatri Town, Ananatapuram district.
3) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Sri Neluri Satya Narayana, age 60 yrs, S/o Sriramulu, Occ: Cultivation, R/o D.No.57/66, Near Old Municipal Office, Kurnool.
4) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Sri Arjun Sankar Jaigudi, age 26 yrs, S/o Shankar Jaigudi, Sonai Village, Rahuri Taluq, Ahammednagar District, Maharastra State (recorded through telephone by translating into telugu).
5) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Sri Nagireddy Venkata Krishna Reddy, age 52 yrs, S/o Late N. Papi Reddy, R/o H.No.46-4-1707, Adithya Nagar, Near Montessori School, Kurnool.
6) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Statement of Juttu Thatha Rao, age 53 yrs, S/o J.Seethamma, Joint Commissioner (State Tax), R/o Q.No. B/E-8, B.Camp, Kurnool Town.
7) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Statement of Thimma Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy, age 56 yrs, S/o T.Seshi Reddy, R/o H.No.87-1037/7, Balaji Nagar, Kurnool Town.
8) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Statement of Chennuri Zohan Kamalakar, age 39 yrs, s/o C. Krupanandam, R/o H.No.87/1070, Madhavi Nagar, Kurnool Town.
9) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Statement of Chakali Srinivauslu, age 34 yrs, S/o C.Lingappa, R/o H.No. 41/603, kothapeta, Back side of Govt. Press, Kurnool town.
10) Sec 161 Cr.P.C Statement of Statement of M. Mahaboob Basha, Deputy Supdt. of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, now working as DSP, Vigilance and Enforcement, Anantapur District.
11) Statement u/s 164 Cr.P.C on 06.01.2018 of Sri Ch. Umapaathi.
12) Statement u/s 164 Cr.P.C on 06.01.2018 of brother-in-law of Sri Ch. Umapathi i.e Sri N. Satyanarayan.
13) Memorandum vide Rc.No. 14/RE-CIU/2015-S16 dt. 29.09.2015 of DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad- ordered to Kumari A. Rama Devi, DSP, CIU, Hyderabad to conduct Regular Enquiry (RE) into the allegations of petition.
14) Memorandum vide Rc.No.14/RE-CIU/2015-S16 dt. 09.08.2017 of the DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada ordered for Entrustment of the RE to the DSP, ACB, Kurnool (Sri Jayarama Raju) for conducting further enquiry and submit DFR at an early date.
15) Memorandum vide Rc.No. 14/RE-KUR/2015, dt. 11.12.2017 of the DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada ordered for registration of case, addressed to the DSP, ACB, Kurnool (Sri Jayarama Raju), who entrusted Sri M. Nagabhushanam, Inspector, ACB, Kurnool to register a case against the Government Servant-charged officer and etc.

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16) Copy of e-mail petition, Dt.16.08.2015 of Sri Ch. Umapathi addressed to the DG, ACB, Hyderabad.
17) A rough paper slip containing 20 currency note numbers written by Neluri Satya Narayan, brother-in-law of Sri Ch. Umapathi.
18) Way bill No. 371508148852151 dt. 14.08.2015 issued by Sri Chowdeswari Devi Stone Polishing Industries containing original signature of AO Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax officer-III, Kurnool with seal on its back side Way bill No. 371508148852151 dt. 14.08.2015 issued by Sri Chowdeswari Devi Stone Polishing Industries containing original signature of AO Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax officer-III, Kurnool with seal on its back side.
19) Cash/Credit bill in duplicate dt.14.08.2015 of Sri Chowdeswari Devi Stone Polishing Industries.
20) Copy of car log book Annexure-I vehicle bearing No. AP 21 TW 4137 belong to Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool.
21) Reply letter vide Rc.No.B1/77/2017, Dt.25.10.2017 received from Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa, Dr. YSR Kadapa District regarding Service particulars, Job Chart of Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, CTO-III, Kurnool.
22) Print outs of SMS sent by Sri Ch. Umapathi to DSP, ACB, Hyderabad and Kurnool, which are taken as print outs by Sri M. Nagabhushanam, Inspector, ACB, Kurnool, Dt.21.12.2017.
23) Reply letter received from V.Muralidhar, Asst Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Hyderabad regarding Hand writing Expert report vide FSL No.DDP/1/2018, dated: 31.03.2018.

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE — IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI T. RAMESH KUMAR REDDY, AGE 57 YEARS, S/O SRI T.TIPPA REDDY, WORKED AS COMMERCIAL TAX OFFICER-III, KURNOOL CIRCLE, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

The following are the oral evidence available on record to substantiate the allegations against Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, age 57 years, S/o Sri T. Tippa Reddy worked as Commercial Tax Officer-III, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool district.

1) Sri Chanda Umapthi, age 38 yrs S/o C. Venkanna, caste by Togata veera Kshatriaya, R/o D.No.3/704-3-3, 6th Road, Krishnapuram, Yellanur Road, Tadipatri Town, Ananatapuram district. Speaks about the demand and acceptance of bribe amount Rs.20,000/- by the Government servant - Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy and sending e-mail complaint and text SMS messages to the DG, ACB, Hyderabad and ACB officials respectively and etc., facts.
2) Sri Neluri Satya Narayana, age 60 yrs, S/o Sriramulu, Occ: Cultivation, R/o D.No.57/66, Near Old Municipal Office, Kurnool. speak to the facts about the demand and acceptance of bribe amount Rs. 20,000/- by Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy and gave bribe amount to the Government servant-Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy by noting down currency numbers and etc., facts.
3) Sri Arjun Sankar Jaigudi, age 26 yrs, S/o Shankar Jaigudi, Sonai Village, Rahuri Taluq, Ahammednagar District, Maharastra State (recorded by through telephone by translating into telugu). speak to the facts of stopping the lorry by the Government servant - Sri T. Ramesh kumar Reddy, inform the same to Sri Ch. Umapthi and release of vehicle by the Government servant- Sri T. Ramesh kumar Reddy and etc., facts.
4) Sri Nagireddy Venkata Krishna Reddy, age 52 yrs, S/o Late N. Papi Reddy, R/o H.No. 46-4-1707, Adithya Nagar, Near Montessori School, Kurnool. speak to the facts of furnishing information of the Government servant-Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy in connection with vehicle checking on 15.08.2015 and etc., facts.
5) Sri Juttu Thatha Rao, age 53 yrs, S/o J. Seethamma, Joint Commissioner (State Tax), R/o Q.No. B/E-8, B. Camp, Kurnool town speak to the facts of furnishing information of the Government servant - Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy in connection with vehicle checking on 15.08.2015 and etc., facts
6) Sri Thimma Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy, age 56 yrs, S/o T. Seshi Reddy, R/o H.No.87-1037/7, Balaji Nagar, Kurnool town. speak to the facts of furnishing information of the Government servant - Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy in connection with vehicle checking on 15.08.2015 and etc., facts.
7) Sri Chennuri Zohan Kamalakar, age 39 yrs, S/o C. Krupanandam, R/o H.No.87/1070, Madhavi Nagar, Kurnool town. speak to the facts of furnishing information of the Government servant - Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy in connection with vehicle checking on 15.08.2015 and etc., facts.
8) Sri Chakali Srinivasulu, age 34 yrs, S/o C. Lingappa, R/o H.No.41/603, kothapeta, Back side of Govt. Press, Kurnool town. speak to the facts of his working as driver to the Government servant - Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy and etc., facts.
9) The Deputy Commissioner (CT), Kadapa, Dr.YSR Kadapa District speaks about furnishing of Service particulars, Job Chart and APRs of the Government servant - Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, CTO-III, Kurnool.
10) Sri V. Muralidhar, Asst Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Hyderabad speaks about furnishing of Hand writing Expert report vide FSL No.DDP/1/2018, dated: 31.03.2018.
11) Sri M. Mahaboob Basha, Deputy Supdt of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, now working as DSP, Vigilance and Enforcement, Anantapur District. speak to the facts of receiving SMS text messages from LW1 to his official mobile 9440446178 and etc., facts.
12) Kum A. Rama Devi, DSP, CIU, ACB, Hyderabad speaks about conducting petition enquiry on e-mail petition dt.16.08.2015, sending Petition Enquiry Report vide C.No.315/DG-PTN (CIU)/2015, Dt. 23.09.2015, recommending

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for RE conducting vide Rc.No.14/RE-CIU/2015 securing copy of e-mail petition, cash/credit bill, way bill of Sri Chowdeswari polishing industries, Tadipatri and paper slip containing hand written 20 currency note numbers on rough paper submitted Plan of Action vide Rc.No.14/RE-CIU/2015 dt.05.11.2015 and also Transfer of Regular Enquiry Files/Records to DSP, ACB, Kurnool on 01.09.2017.

13) Sri Jayarama Raju, Deputy Supdt. of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, Kurnool speaks about receiving of RE enquiry file for further enquiry vide Memorandum vide Rc.No.14/RE-CIU/2015-S16 dt.09.08.2017 of the DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada and securing attested copy car log book of Service particulars and Job chart of the Government servant- Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy, submission of RE report to HO recommending for register of case against the Government servant- Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy and etc., facts.
14) Sri M. Nagabhushanam, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, Kurnool speaks about his registering the case, investigation, securing print out of SMS sent by Sri Ch. Umapathi to DSP, ACB, Hyderabad and Kurnool, obtaining FSL report on the hand writings of the Government servant- Sri T.Ramesh Kumar Reddy on way bill and sending of Draft Final Report, recommending for prosecution and etc., facts.
15) Sri M. Venkata Krishna Reddy, Inspector of Police, ACB, Kurnool Range, Kurnool speaks about receiving of Memo vide Rc.No.198/RCO-KUR/2017, dt.30.04.2021 of the DG, ACB Vijayawada by instructing the IO to file the petition in the Spl. Court for the closure of FIR and Photostat copy of Memo No.976, Dt.25.09.2019 of Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of AP, Revenue Vigilance-II Dept to drop further action and to furnish DACs against Sri T. Ramesh Kumar Reddy, CTO (Intelligence), O/o Deputy commissioner, Kadapa Division, Kadapa.

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